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Now and then we hear the remark that the City of Keytesville is now not in debt. Fine, we are glad to hear it. But, did you ever in all your life see a town with modern improvements that was clear of debt? Just what is it that has enabled thousands of men to engage in business? It was the fact that they had gone in debt for their start. Being in debt they had an incentive to work for, namely to get out of debt and own their own business. Just so with a town making public improvements. Bonds are issued and improvements made and the town grows and unconsciously people get pepped up and do things. If the city of Keytesville had had a bunch of progressive men in it some few years ago before it got entangled with that damnable contract with the Carrollton outfit there would be today an electric light power plant run by the cheapest power in the world—water power and of which there is an abundance right at our very doors. And if that electric light plant was functioning now, just at this time we would not be getting ready to install water works—they would have been in years ago. Also there would be the power now needed to furnish the power for pumping.

The appointment of Senator William S. Kenyon to the Circuit Court of the United States elevates to the federal bench a high-minded, honorable and upright Christian gentleman, who is well-fitted by temperament and training for the position he is to hold. So far, so good. It is rather peculiar however, that the President should see fit to remove Mr. Kenyon from the Senate at a time when the Senator's attitude upon public questions is so notably hostile to the policies of the national administration. Of course, no one would be crude enough to say that Kenyon was appointed because the President wanted to strike a blow at the center of the agricultural bloc, or because the President found himself so displeased with the speeches made by Kenyon during the Newberry controversy. The President is so free from guile, so completely without finesse that none could imagine he would be so crafty as to dispose of an opponent by the good, old-fashioned process of kicking an obstacle "upstairs." Still it has been done before. It is fortunate, however, that we are still permitted to examine again and again the speeches of Kenyon to the Senate touching upon the issues of the times. While Kenyon may dwell in the cloistered retreats of the bench, and be far removed from the surging throngs of political assemblages, he has left his mark upon the record, and that record is damning—for the party of the President, who appointed him to the bench.—Missouri State Journal.

It seems there is a well defined "snicker" among Republican leaders of the state anent the recent trip of Gov. Hyde to Washington to procure enactment of a law that will prevent the original gerrymander of the congressional districts passed by the last session of the legislature being taken to the referendum. It is the duty of the Democrats to see that the petitions are signed and delivered to the office of the State Committee at Jefferson City prior to February 14th. Hyde has done all he could to have a law passed that would perpetuate the redistricting act and it seems that he has almost given up the untenable proposal. Indeed, it is known that the Republicans in Washington from this state are viewing with alarm the unfavorable comment from Missouri in regard to high taxes, prison "reform," etc. However, Hyde was dined and—well, he undoubtedly made another speech assuring all within hearing that the reports are all false. Lets see, should the redistricting proposition carry, the state will be reduced in representation in the house of representatives from sixteen to fifteen and all partisan plans may be carried out and the gerrymander sustained. The Missouri State Journal has the following in the issue of February 4th: "The last session of the General Assembly passed an act dividing the state into sixteen congressional districts upon partisan lines of the most extreme character, insuring the election of ten or twelve Republicans for all time, regardless of the political situation in the state. The Democrats of the state desire to suspend this law by the referendum, until the people can have a chance to vote upon it, and to express their approval or disapproval, having due regard for the pledges of the Republican party in 1920, and Governor Hyde, in his inaugural, to bring about 'a fair redistricting upon a population, and not a partisan basis.' The mere suggestion that the people of the state avail themselves of the constitutional privilege given them arises the childish petulance and blinding wrath of the would-be despot who now disgraces the Chief Magistracy of Missouri. He froths at the mouth, when he observes his plans going awry, and he would be perfectly willing to give up part of our representation in Congress, if thereby his sordid purposes might be served. Ordinarily it would be presumed that the business of the Governor would be to oppose the suggestion of a reduction of representation in Congress, instead of going to the national capital and pleading with Senators, Congressmen and even the President himself for a law which would enforce a loss upon the state. He should be fighting the plan proposed. The caliber of this personage is thus clearly indicated. He is the first and last of his kind, the smallest of small-bore statesmen. Then take that proposition involving the delegation of legislative authority to state officials to redistrict the state, congressionally, following the passage of the apportionment act: Why the necessity of any such law? The legislature can be convened upon short notice and can pass a bill within ten days' time. Why give the authority in question to these state officers? There can be but one reason, and that is that the Governor desires the privilege of inflicting upon the state, under the reduced representation, a partisan gerrymander, in such a way as to forestall the referendum. The Governor forgets that there are courts in the land, and that whenever Congress assumes to say to the government of states that specific powers shall be conferred upon state officials, without first securing the concurrence of the state's legislature, all with the idea of promoting partisan ends, thereby Congress does an unwarranted thing which cannot stand in any court in the land. If Congress passes any such such a statute as the Governor asks, and if any state officials assume to exercise the authority thus illegally and unconstitutionally conferred, legal proceedings will be brought to restrain them. The case will be carried to the highest courts in the land, and Mr. Hyde had as well realize that fact now as at any other time. The state cannot afford to recognize the power of Congress to outline the duties of state officers in any particular, unless the legislature first concurs. The proposal is subversive of the fundamental law of the land, and violates every sound principle, and Mr. Hyde will not be permitted to proceed unquestioned upon any such program."

Well, after Hyde and his crowd have done all in their power the fact remains that the common people, the people of which the state is made up, will have the final sayso, and, through the referendum.

## ALL THE SAME CHAS. TOWNLEY OF NORTH DAKOTA FAME

The plan of A. C. McKibbin, former director of publicity for the Republican State Committee, to begin the publication of a syndicate of newspapers in Missouri counties, which are without papers, Republican in politics, will be opposed by legitimate newspaper men of both parties in the state.

McKibbin's idea is to place a temporary paper in the counties of Boone, Callaway, Howard, Lewis, Maries, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Platte, Ralls, Ray, Reynolds, Shannon, Shelby, and Randolph, to get the public printing, which will amount to \$2,500 in each county this year.

The sixteen papers probably would be distributed free and probably all printed at one central printing plant. The gross income from public printing alone would be around \$40,000, with very little expense attached. Newspaper men regardless of their politics, will oppose this movement, believing that the public printing should go to permanent legitimate papers in the various counties.

It is feared by publishers in this section that if the Republicans do put over the above program the Democrats might undertake something of the same kind if they should get back into power. There are thirteen counties in the state that have no Democratic papers. They are Dallas, Douglas, Gasconade, Grundy, Hickory, Mercer, Miller, Ozark, Putnam, Stone, Vernon and Warren.

The Missouri Press Association will hold a special meeting in St. Louis next Friday. The association will very likely take some action on the proposed plan of McKibbin. The association is composed of newspapermen of both parties, but the organization is interested in the newspaper business as a business rather than from a standpoint of politics.

Publishers will also ascertain whether Gov. Hyde approves of McKibbin's plan. It will be recalled that he expressed himself rather forcibly on this subject at the time the appropriation was made to pay for the publishing of the last election notices and constitutional amendments.

"Anybody Here Seen Townley?" Say, this is good—fine, just like the famous North Dakota program that was pushed over and gobbled up by the Townley dupes all over that once prosperous state. Lets see, just what was Townley's plan. The Nonpartisan League which ran the state and owned the supreme court of the state also, elected their own state representatives, and owned and controlled both state houses. Also this handpick, and personally owned deficient bunch of grafters owned a newspaper in each county in the entire state. The supreme court placed their official stamp of approval on a state law made by the state owned legislature to the effect that all legal printing must be published in their own papers. The consequence was that many papers were forced to the wall. Of course, in this particular instance the state houses and the supreme court was owned by the party, and the managers of the league were able to put over any desired legislation.

In Missouri, of course, Hyde has not been able to pose as the supreme owner of both state houses nor of the supreme court, but with the appointments of relatives and other inefficient office holders, he is getting altogether too previous, and this great idea of McKibbin to establish newspapers in all counties where Republican papers are not located, he, through his able bunch of lieutenants is following as closely as possible in the steps of the only Charlie Townley. If there is any way to head off this man Hyde and McKibbin, et al, it is high time to commence to put on the brakes.

There is no telling what he will do if he is let alone even to invoking the congress of these United States as he did last week in regard to the redistricting proposition. Keep your eye on Hyde, he'll yet slip something over that will make the whole country sit up and take notice. In the end the taxpayers will pay the bills and all the state will get out of it is a bunch of free advertising and not the kind that will help in the growth of industry or the furtherance of agricultural permanence.

## IT WILL BE A REED

### CHESTNUT SOON

Senator Reed is still chasing rainbows all about the Newberry row and soon people will be disgusted with both the defense and offense. The great majority of the people in Missouri are beginning to wonder why Reed did not make his standing

in the question a trifle more clear before Newberry was finally seated.

It was also noticed that when this little matter came to a show down that Reed was not there with his vote against seating the man from Michigan. Of course, his friends will state that Reed was "paired" but the fact remains that he did not vote for or against Newberry, fondly imagining that perhaps he was voting for Reed in the coming election, sort of playing solitarie politics as it were.

## HAY WANTS SENATE RACE LIMITED TO LONG AND REED

Charles M. Hay, who was second in a field of six candidates led by Breckenridge Long for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in 1920, issued an announcement that he would support Long in this year's campaign, and appealed to others to remain out of the race, that it might be limited to Long and Senator Reed.

Hay assumes in his announcement that Reed will be a candidate, although Reed so far has not made known his intentions publicly.

The Hay appeal is the first movement in the anti-Reed ranks to prevent a field of anti-Reed candidates, which would be helpful to Reed.

After complimenting Long, Hay said: "Assuming that Senator Reed will be a candidate, I should like to see the race limited to Long and Reed. I have felt and I now feel that Senator Reed has been out of harmony with the Democrats of this state. I should like for us to have a direct answer of the people on that question."

In the 1920 primary Long received 65,825 votes, Hay, 44,504 and Henry S. Priest, who was considered to represent the Reed strength, 40,637.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

## BOONEVILLE BRIDGE

### CONTRACTS LET

The opening of bids for the construction of the bridge to be built at Booneville drew a big crowd on Tuesday. The Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co., of Leavenworth, got the construction work, Cochran & Son of Booneville, got the work on the approach and an Ohio firm the foundation work. The bids, exclusive of the approach, will aggregate \$450,000.

The people of Booneville are working in harmony and thoroughly earnest and enthusiastic in pushing the bridge question.

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